

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment at this stage of prosecution respectfully is requested because it is made to comply with the requirements of form in the outstanding office action and is based on discussions with the Examiner in a telephonic interview on May 24, 2005. Applicants' attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the Office Action and proposed claims during the interview. During the telephonic interview, changes to the claims to overcome the Section 112, second paragraph rejections were discussed, support for the recitation to the β -hydrogen atom in Claim 14 was discussed and inclusion of "foam" in claim 28 was discussed to overcome the prior art rejection. These items are discussed more specifically below.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 14-16, 18-23 and 25-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner questioned whether there was adequate support in the application for claims 14 and 28 pertaining to the β -hydrogen. During the telephonic interview, applicants' attorney directed the Examiner's attention to page 11, line 23 to page 12, line 5 of the originally filed specification in which the β -hydrogen is discussed and particularly to the formula at line 30 on page 11. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Applicants have

amended Claims 15 and 16 to clarify that the cyclic structure is an alternative. This amendment also was discussed with the Examiner during the telephonic interview. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to Claim 15 overcomes this rejection.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Applicants have removed the word “mixture.” Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 28-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, and as discussed with the Examiner in the telephonic interview, Applicants have amended Claims 28 and 29 to change “said conversion” to “said reaction” in order to overcome the lack of antecedence. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Applicants have amended Claim 30 to recite “residues.” Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome.

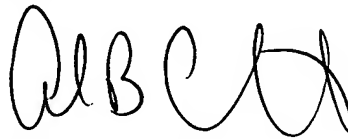
In paragraphs 6-9 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 28, 29 and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentably obvious over Dammann et al. In response, and as discussed with the Examiner during the telephonic interview, Applicants have

amended Claim 28 to recite that the process produces polyurethane foam or polyurea foam.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome.

Early and favorable consideration earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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